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THE NIGHT SHIP ✓

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"THE NIGHT SHIP"

Martha Randall, a widow in a little fishing village, has been waiting patiently hoping against hope, that her son, Bob Randall, who had sailed as first mate six years before, is safe somewhere and that he will some day return to her.

She occupies a cottage which has been desired for some time by Captain Jed Hobbs, who has succeeded in buying the mortgage over her head and as our story opens he is about to foreclose and send her out in the cold.

When Bob Randall left home he was engaged to his boyhood sweetheart Elizabeth, who after waiting two years for his return had married Captain Jed Hobbs.

Captain Hobbs practically controlled the village and was noted as a man who always took whatever he wanted. Captain Hobbs inwardly always hated Bob Randall and refuses to allow his wife to even mention his name.

Old Mrs. Randall had always kept a candle burning in the window for the return of her son, and the night that she is dispossessed, the candle burns out and her life ebbs out with it.

The following morning Bob Randall with his chum, Jimson Weed, a rough, bighearted westerner, arrive in town. Bob, hearing the story of his mother's death and the cause of it, starts out to seek revenge on Jed Hobbs. He finds Captain Hobbs in the village tavern, and following a fierce struggle with Hobbs, Bob leaves avowing further revenge.

He hears that Captain Hobbs is about to sail that evening with a cargo of contraband, guns and ammunition, for a South American country to foster a revolution.

Captain Hobbs forces his wife, Elizabeth, to accompany him on the perilous journey, naturally taking their young daughter, Jeanette. Bob

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Randall, upon hearing of this trip decides to go along so that he can be on hand to protect Elizabeth and the child and when the ship is well out at sea, under cover, of darkness, both he and his friend, Jimson Weed, sneak aboard and hide in the hold. By a pre-arranged plan, both he and Jimson capture members of the crew one by one and tie them up. After they have the entire crew captured they face the captain and after a fierce struggle, take possession of the ship.

In the meantime, the U. S. government ship has received word of the contraband, being shipped, and set out to head off "THE NIGHT SHIP."

When Captain Jed Hobbs sees that he is cornered a devilish idea enters his head. He throws a lighted cigarette down in the hold where all the ammunition is stored. A terrific explosion wrecks the ship and a great deal of heroic work on the part of Bob Randall and Jimson Weed, the entire crew and Elizabeth are rescued. Bob then discovers that little Jeanette has been left behind and at the risk of his life he returns to the sinking ship and saves her.

By this time the U. S. Government ship has come upon the wreckage and saves the survivors. It is then found out that Jed Hobbs has lost his life.

Our story ends with Bob Randall and Elizabeth happily married and occupying his mother's old home.

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